



Southwest Valley cities near consensus on I-10 funding

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The Goodyear, Avondale and Litchfield Park city councils are expected to vote Thursday on how to split up \$2.7 million they owe for the Interstate 10 widening acceleration through the Southwest Valley.

The proposed compromise requires Goodyear to pick up the heftiest chunk: \$1.85 million.

That's more than what Goodyear had thought the city's share should be, but less than what Avondale and Litchfield Park wanted Goodyear to pay.

The agreement also would require Avondale to pitch in \$760,000 and Litchfield Park to pay about \$60,000.

The fast-tracked I-10 expansion puts the project four years ahead of schedule on a narrow stretch of the freeway that becomes a parking lot during rush hour.

The three cities are calling special meetings to vote on the agreement:

- The Goodyear council meets at 10:30 a.m. today in Room 117 at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Road.
- The Avondale council meets at 10:30 a.m. today in the Mesquite Room at City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive.
- The Litchfield Park council meets at 7 p.m. tonight at City Hall, 214 W. Wigwam Blvd.

The state Legislature this year earmarked \$10 million to offset interests costs related to the acceleration of the I-10 widening between Loop 101 and Sarival Avenue.

The Maricopa Association of Governments decided the cities should get \$7 million to offset the costs but would need to come up with the remaining cost - \$2.7 million - themselves.

In addition to MAG and the three cities, the State Transportation Board has to sign off on the \$10 million allocation. The board met Friday, but members decided to put off the vote for about two weeks while they got more information from their lawyer. The board has not yet announced when it will meet again to consider the agreement.

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waa waa, who cares, goodyear litchfield and avondale are like small stains on the large metropolis here, if they want the freeway bigger, make them pay.

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oh and by the way, here is my reponse to azcentral message board bashers. Make up your own comment instead of bashing mine you losers.

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Goodyear should divy up the \$\$\$ those cheap 4\$\$es

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Stay away from I-17. Urban sprawl it's dandy!

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Litchfield Park, Goodyear, and Avondale are the future of the Phoenix Metro. Anywhere else you are living is old news!

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Litchfield Park is OK, Avondale and Goodyear are cess pools run by small minded buffoons.

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hey you get off my cloud

tolleson2

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I have said it before and I will say it again... the #1 issue facing the SW Valley is the mixture of residents. Its so hard for Goodyear to acheive its goal of being a great city given its location.

The bottom line is that Buckeye is a total ghetto and Avondale is just very poor. I took a drive through Avondale last weekend and all I noticed were mixed older neighborhoods and new cheap houses (we are talking KB style homes).

Avondale also has tons of illegal invaders which do not pay income tax. At the end of the day Goodyear will fall because of Buckeye and Avondale. I am very familiar with the area and I do a lot of real estate there.

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tolleson moron,

verado is a ghetto? tartesso is a ghetto? sundance a ghetto? estrella a ghetto? shut up. If the rest of tolleson is like you than the adot should have leveled the whole real ghetto city into a freeway

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Unbelievable. LP takes in so much property tax it can't spend it. Avondale makes a ton of money off of PIR and doesn't share. Goodyear, probably the most forward thinking city in the valley says "screw it", we'll pay for it. It's a parking lot because of Buckeye residents and they don't factor into the equation because the project lies within GY. GY is, and will continue to be, the shining star of the SW Valley. As a Mesa native, I see only positives for this city. Way to take charge. Wonderful leadership with Cavanaugh at the helm.

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